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**Please Note:**

**New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.**

FV-311

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 21, 2007

Fresh Pear, Announcement FV-311, Invitation 023

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition program and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, August 30, 2007**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, September 7, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from September 16, 2007, through October 30, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Pears, Bartlett	45 lb. cartons	28,800 cases
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**If you are unable to meet the early delivery periods, do not bid on them.**

This invitation contains line item(s) identified as "Kosher Only". Vendors must comply with applicable dietary (kosher) laws as established by the "613 Council of Kasruth". Vendors must contact the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York (BJENY) at (646) 472-5365 **prior to submitting a bid** to certify compliance with the applicable dietary (kosher) laws. A rabbinic supervisor will be sent by the BJENY to certify compliance with the dietary (kosher) laws.

- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.



**Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.** Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of [https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?](https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe) Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

**Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract.** Inquiries about Announcement FV-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-311, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

**Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.**

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV311  
 INVITATION : 023  
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH  
 COMM TYPE : 33 PEARS, BARTLETT, FRESH  
 PACK SIZE : 44 45 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/07 - 09/18/07					
001	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	3,600	_____**
002	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____**Kosher
003	SO HACKENSACK	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
004	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/23/07 - 09/25/07					
005	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,700	_____**
006	SO HACKENSACK	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
007	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
008	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/30/07 - 10/02/07					
009	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,700	_____**
010	SO HACKENSACK	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
011	LEXINGTON	SC		900	_____
012	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____

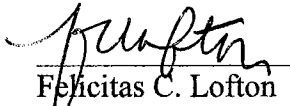
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DELIVERY PERIOD 10/07/07 - 10/09/07					
013	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,700	_____ **
014	SO HACKENSACK	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
015	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	637	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		263	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/14/07 - 10/16/07					
016	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	2,700	_____ **
017	SO HACKENSACK	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/21/07 - 10/23/07					
018	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,800	_____ **
019	SO HACKENSACK	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/28/07 - 10/30/07					
020	SO HACKENSACK	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				28,800	

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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 28,800

  
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Contracting Officer

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